

REMARKS

CONSIDERATION OF REFERENCE

With the previous Office Action, the Examiner returned a form PTO-1449 for an IDS filed August 3, 2005. On the form PTO-1449, the Examiner indicated that all of the references had been considered except reference AH:

Westendorf, et al., "Automatische Generierung von Ausspracheworterbuchern aus Signaldaten," Proceedings of the 4th Conference on Natural Language Processing-Konvens-98, Computers Linguistics, and Phonetics Between Language and Speech, Peter Lang, Frankfurt Am Main, Germany, 1998, pp. 213-225.

This reference appears in PAIR and is properly cited. Applicants suspect it was not marked as considered because it is in German. However, Applicants note that the second page of the reference includes an English abstract. This abstract represents Applicants' understanding of the reference and Applicants respectfully request that the reference be marked as considered based on the abstract and that a new form PTO-1449 be provided with this reference initialed.

CLAIM REJECTIONS AND OBJECTIONS

In the Office Action, claim 5 was objected to because it was said to not be appropriately amended by scratching out claim 4. In the previous amendment, Applicants had placed a "strike-through" mark on the number 4 in claim 5. Unfortunately, the strike-through blended into the number 4. With the present amendment, Applicants have replaced the strike-through with double brackets to indicate that the number 4 should be removed from claim 5.

The Office Action rejected claims 1 and 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. §101 because "computer readable medium" was defined in the specification as including a signal and as such did not fall within one of the four categories of patentable subject matter. The Office Action allowed claims 9-18.

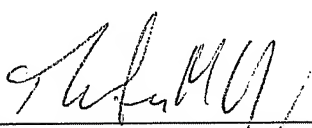
With the present amendment, the preambles of claims 1 and 5-8 have been amended to match the preambles of allowed claims 9-18. Since claims 9-18 have been allowed, claims 1 and 5-8, as amended, are directed to patentable subject matter and are in form for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 23-1123.

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